employees respectively were taken up under Disciplinary and Appeal rules. In cases of loss and theft of booked consignments 1214, 1313 and 1374 outsiders were also arrested during the calendar years 2002, 2003 and 2004 respectively.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The following steps have been taken for delivery of goods in time and in booked quantity to the concerned parties:—

(i) Monitoring of trains is done through 'Freight Operations Information System' which has reduced the transit time.

(ii) Bottlenecks of Railway system are removed by doubling of lines or improvement of signalling system.

(iii) The detentions at yards have been reduced considerably.

(iv) Railways have improved its wagon turn around which clearly indicate faster and quicker movement of goods trains.

(v) Opening of Not Received Cells on Zonal Railways to trace wagons/consignments which have not reached destination within reasonable transit time.

(vi) Escorting of goods trains by Railway Protection Force and armed personnel on vulnerable sections.

(vii) Proper marking and labelling of parcels to avoid their loss/over carriage.

(viii) Use of metal tape on wagons to avoid misdespatches and prevent them from becoming unconnected.

(ix) Periodical claims prevention checks at Parcel and Goods offices to prevent claims.

Production and demand of railway coaches

2184. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of production and demand of railway coaches in the country;

(b) whether it is proposed to increase the production of railway coaches to meet the ever going demand;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): Coaches are procured keeping in view the demand as well as availability of funds. Keeping in view the requirement, 2778 coaches have been planned for production in 2005-06.

(b) to (d) Augmentation of production capacity of both the Production Units of Indian Railways (Integral Coach Factory and Rail Coach Factory) from 1000 each to 1250 and 1400 respectively have been sanctioned in 2005-06.

Traffic congestion at Ahmedabad

†2185. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:
SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme for reducing congestion of traffic at Ahmedabad railway station; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) There is no congestion at Ahmedabad station as train operation is being suitably managed within the existing resources.

(b) Does not arise.

Provisions for development of Ahmedabad Railway Division

†2186. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the reasons for not making any provisions according to demand for development of the Ahmedabad Railway Division in the Railway Budget 2005-06?

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